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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of April 11th.

I am sorry to learn that no personal meeting can be arranged in the near future, as the use of our phage antibiotics requires the discussion of many facts, factors and details, which is very difficult to do on paper.

In this case I think the best would be if you will send me your lambda phage and B. coli W-518. This will enable me to try our antibiotics and send you the one which acts on it. In case that none of our stuff acts on phage lambda would you consider any other system? All antibiotics we observed are very specific and act on limited number of phages only.

Sincerely yours,

*Igor N. Asheshov*

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